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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL GUIDANCE ON TREATING SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

REF: (A) STATE 102155 (NOTAL) (B) STATE 116379,

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HOW WE SHOULD TREAT OUR NUMEROUS, SMALL RUPEE-FUNDER SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT STATE OF PAK-US RELATIONS.

2. THESE PROJECTS ARE TYPICALLY SMALL IN DOLLAR EQUIVALENT TERMS, SAY 140,000 DOLLARS TO BE SPENT OVER FOUR YEARS BY SOME PAKISTANI RESEARCH INSTITUTION OR UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT. IN THE SCIENCE AREA, THERE ARE AT PRESENT 28 ON-GOING PROJECTS WITH ANOTHER 18 IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSIDERATION BY USG OR GOP AGENCIES. AS REGARDS, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PROJECTS, WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE USDA'S REGIONAL RESEARCH OFFICE IN EMBASSY NEW DELHI, THERE ARE PRESENTLY 112 ON-GOING ONES WITH SEVERAL MORE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF APPROVAL.

3. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE, WE PALN TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS THESE PROJECTS ON ESSENTIALLY A BUSINESS-AS-USUAL BASIS EXCEPT THAT WE WILL NOT BE PUSHING THE GOP BUREAUCRACY FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR CLEARANCES. THESE PROJECTS, WHICH COULD BE SAID TO BE IN A DE MINIMIS CATEGORY, WIN A LOT OF FRIENDS FOR US IN PAKISTAN UNIVERSITY, RESEARCH AND AGRICUCIRCLLE, AND WE CONSIDER IT IN OUR INTEREST TO CONTINUE THEM. SHOULD OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WORSEN, WE WOULD OF COURSE WANT TO REVIEW THIS POLICY IN THE LIGHT OF OTHER ACTIONS WE MIGHT BE TAKING.

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4. WE ARE HOLDING REF B UNTIL WE RECEIVE GUIDANCE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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